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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, in paragraph 6 of which the Secretary-General was requested to report on a quarterly basis on the acceptance of the gratis personnel referred to in paragraph 4 of the resolution with a view to ensuring compliance with the provisions of the resolution. The first quarterly report was included as part II of a prior report of the Secretary-General (A/52/709) submitted on 4 December 1997. The present quarterly report covers the period from 1 October through 31 December 1997.

2. During the period, 14 new type II gratis personnel started their service, as shown in the table below:

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Department/Office	*Functional Title*	*Nationality*	*Functions*	*Date on which service began*	*Expiration date of engagement*
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Civilian Police Personnel Manager	Argentina	To maintain extensive contacts with national civilian police institutions and to evaluate qualified civilian police personnel for recruitment	29 October 1997	15 October 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Demining Officer	United Kingdom	Planning, advising on and overseeing demining activities	15 November 1997	15 November 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Chief, Medical Support Unit	Sweden	Planning, providing advice on medical support to peacekeeping operations	1 December 1997	1 December 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Engineer Officer	Slovenia	To provide advice and guidance to the Department on engineering projects in field missions	8 December 1997	8 December 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Mission Planning Officer	Australia	To provide advice and guidance on planning functions for field missions	30 December 1997	31 December 1998
Department of Peacekeeping Operations	Duty Officer, Situation Centre	Singapore	To receive, analyse and compile information relating to peacekeeping operations	31 December 1997	31 December 1998
International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda	Eight investigators	Netherlands	To work with the Office of the Prosecutor at Kigali in conducting field investigations leading to identification of witnesses, apprehension of suspects and tracking of indicted persons	28 December 1997	30 June 1998

3. In the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the first three of the six type II gratis personnel who started their service in the last quarter of 1997 were accepted to provide expertise not available within the Organization for very specialized functions. This complies with the requirements of paragraph 4 (a) of resolution 51/243.

4. The other three gratis personnel were accepted by the Department in the context of the transitional measures required for an orderly execution of the phasing-out plan submitted by the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on 8 December 1997 (A/52/710). Recruitment for those functions will be initiated if the General Assembly decides to approve funding for that purpose in the budget for peacekeeping missions.

5. At the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, eight investigators were accepted to carry out specialized investigative functions for which, at the time, there was no expertise available in the Secretariat. These gratis personnel were accepted in order to allow the Tribunal to ensure effective and efficient prosecution of the cases brought to it, pending completion of the recruitment procedures against posts approved by the General Assembly in the Tribunal's budget. Accordingly, the gratis personnel in question were accepted for a period ending 30 June 1998.

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Proposed budgetary requirements of each peacekeeping operation for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section I, paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, information on the initial estimated budgetary requirements of all current peacekeeping operations during the 12-month period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 ($875,567,400) was provided in the note by the Secretary-General of 16 May 1997 (A/C.5/51/48).

2. Subsequently, the actual initial appropriations approved by the General Assembly for all peacekeeping operations, inclusive of the amounts for the support account for peacekeeping operations, amounted to $1,002,206,900. The difference between the Secretary-General's initial estimate of requirements and the higher level of initial appropriations was due primarily to the requirements for the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA), which were not included in the Secretary-General's initial estimates.

3. The present note updates the budgetary information contained in the earlier note by the Secretary-General and reflects the appropriations provided to date by the General Assembly for all current peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998, inclusive of support account requirements, as well as other requirements discussed in paragraphs 5 to 8 below.

4. Compared with the initial appropriations provided by the General Assembly of $1,002.2 million, the updated level of $958.0 million shown in the present report reflects a reduction of $44.2 million and results from reduced requirements for the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium (UNTAES) ($139,213,300), partly offset by additional requirements for the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT) ($8,603,200), the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) ($17,172,300), the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti (MIPONUH) ($19,804,400) and MONUA ($25,689,000) for the period ending 30 June 1998. The revised figure also includes commitments authorizing additional expenditures for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) ($1,773,618 (gross)), the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) ($1,656,600) and the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) ($10,608,000), as well as those commitments authorizing certain expenditures in connection with the support account for peacekeeping operations

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operations ($808,500) and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi ($13,110,350).

5. The reduction in the resource requirements of UNTAES (compared to the current appropriation of $275,344,900 (gross)) are consistent with the termination of the UNTAES mandate on 15 January 1998, as well as the estimated budgetary requirements for the follow-on mission (Civilian Police Support Group) for the period from 16 January to 30 June 1998. A revised budget is being submitted to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-second session.

6. Additional requirements in the amount of $71,268,900 are the subject of reports of the Secretary-General requesting additional appropriations for consideration and action by the General Assembly during its forthcoming resumed fifty-second session, as listed below:

(a) $8,603,200 for the extension of the mandate of UNMOT until 15 May 1998 and the expansion of the mandate to promote peace and national reconciliation and to assist in the implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan;

(b) $17,172,300 for MINURSO for the deployment of personnel and non-staff resources to undertake the required operational demining activities in the mission region as well as the resumption and completion of the identification process;

(c) $19,804,400 in revised/additional requirements arising for MIPONUH, the follow-on mission in Haiti established by the Security Council in its resolution 1141 (1997) of 28 November 1997, inclusive of a commitment authority for an amount not exceeding $9,237,300 gross which has been provided by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to meet operational requirements of MIPONUH for the period from 1 December 1997 to 30 June 1998;

(d) $25,689,000 for MONUA to provide for the delayed repatriation of military personnel, the retention of a military task force of 955 contingent personnel and requirements for the completion of the *in situ* registration and disarmament of personnel of the União Nacional para a Independência Total de Angola (UNITA) who were not previously reported to the United Nations.

7. As indicated in paragraph 4 above, the revised total figure of $958.0 million also includes commitment authorities to incur additional expenditures for the purposes described below. In this regard, any additional appropriation, if required, will be addressed in the context of the individual performance report for the respective mission(s) for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998:

(a) Pursuant to paragraphs 7 to 9 of resolution 51/233 of 13 June 1997, the updated amount for UNIFIL includes a commitment authorization in the amount of $1,773,618 (gross) to cover the costs resulting from the Qana incident on 18 April 1996;

(b) The updated amount indicated for UNOMIG includes a commitment authority not exceeding $1,653,600 (gross) granted by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on behalf of the General Assembly in response to a request from the Secretary-General to incur expenditures for the purchase of vehicles to meet immediate operational requirements in the field;

(c) Estimated requirements for UNMIBH include a commitment authority for an amount not to exceed $10,608,000 (gross) for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 in accordance with General Assembly decision 52/437 of 18 December 1997;

(d) By paragraph 20 of resolution 51/239 A of 17 June 1997 on the support account for peacekeeping operations, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments not exceeding $808,500 for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 for the rental of premises;

(e) In its resolutions 51/218 E of 17 June 1997 and 52/1 of 15 October 1997, the General Assembly authorized the Secretary-General to enter into commitments totalling $13,110,350 for the maintenance of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998 (including an amount of $4,207,500 for the clearance of the backlog). The Assembly further decided that the additional appropriation, as may be required, will be taken up in the context of the performance reports of the individual peacekeeping operations for that period.

8. The updated amount of $958.0 million excludes requirements that may arise during the first half of 1998 in connection with the possible establishment of two peacekeeping missions in Africa. Pending Security Council action, no estimates of budgetary requirements are available. Nevertheless, for one of the potential missions, the United Nations Mission to the Central African Republic (MINURCA), financial implications in the order of $70 million for an initial period of nine months commencing March 1998 have been indicated to the Security Council.

9. In accordance with resolution 49/233 A, consolidated information on the proposed budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999 will be submitted to the General Assembly in May 1998.

10. It should be noted that, with regard to the United Nations Peace Forces (UNPF), there will be a need to request additional resources for the mission to meet unbudgeted requirements for the reimbursement of contingent-owned equipment. However, pending the preparation of the final performance report, a determination of the precise amount required is not possible at this time.

Annex

Estimated budgetary requirements for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Expenditure by major line item	*UNFICYP*	*UNDOF*	*UNIFIL*[a]	*MONUA*[b]	*UNIKOM*	*UNOMIG*[a]	*UNMOT*[b]	*MINURSO*[b]	*UNOMIL*	*UNSMIH*[a,b]	*UNTAES*[a,c]	*UNMIB*[a]	*UNPREDEP*	*TOTAL*
1. Military personnel costs	23 608.0	18 437.0	78 385.0	59 034.3	25 463.6	4 844.4	2 286.7	9 917.7	707.6	2 382.5	42 485.5	2 061.4	20 495.7	290 109.4
2. Civilian personnel costs	11 297.8	5 586.0	19 606.0	45 933.1	12 949.4	7 852.5	5 142.0	20 882.7	4 294.3	20 476.4	55 044.8	133 356.6	10 134.9	352 556.5
3. Premises/ accommodation	1 319.3	1 293.0	2 884.0	5 676.8	1 047.4	573.7	179.2	1 128.9	1 024.0	1 244.3	6 890.6	5 528.2	2 152.4	30 941.8
4. Infrastructure repairs	400.0	—	—	63.6	60.0	30.0	—	—	—	—	—	100.0	180.0	833.6
5. Transport operations	2 040.7	3 526.0	9 078.0	5 756.1	2 232.3	2 730.9	2 380.7	2 022.5	128.2	2 067.7	5 779.2	18 857.9	3 826.6	60 426.8
6. Air operations	1 060.6	—	1 218.0	25 233.4	3 087.3	1 139.2	1 933.3	6 744.4	243.4	3 058.4	1 527.8	3 384.3	1 450.5	50 080.6
7. Naval operations	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	102.2	—	—	—	102.2
8. Communications	810.0	560.0	1 259.0	3 901.2	862.5	361.0	1 230.3	618.1	241.0	356.5	1 631.7	5 092.7	1 405.5	18 329.5
9. Other equipment	648.0	607.0	1 951.0	1 117.1	456.3	260.2	619.1	608.6	7.8	288.2	450.0	1 153.8	364.7	8 531.8
10. Supplies and services	2 702.3	1 311.0	3 152.0	23 805.1	1 368.4	528.7	175.6	548.0	193.1	1 784.8	2 489.4	3 249.6	1 596.3	42 904.3
11. Election-related supplies and services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Public information programmes	—	—	—	218.2	—	41.6	90.9	—	—	92.4	152.2	209.9	120.5	925.7
13. Training programmes	25.0	—	—	50.0	10.0	5.0	—	—	—	—	28.0	232.0	40.0	390.0
14. Mine-clearing programmes	—	—	—	—	10.0	—	—	40.0	—	—	11.3	—	—	61.3
15. Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 765.4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1 765.4
16. Air and surface freight	27.0	160.0	413.0	5 641.3	100.0	103.2	23.6	786.8	836.8	1 110.5	6 551.4	150.0	1 295.7	17 199.3

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17 Staff assessment	2 123.0	888.0	4 089.0	4 258.8	1 888.2	998.4	744.1	2 982.4	518.0	1 370.5	5 895.4	9 231.6	1 537.2	36 524.6
Gross estimate	**46 061.7**	**32 368.0**	**122 035.0**	**180 689.0**	**49 535.4**	**19 468.8**	**16 570.9**	**46 280.1**	**8 194.2**	**34 334.4**	**128 937.3**	**182 608.0**	**44 600.0**	**911 682.8**
Prorated provision for the support account for peacekeeping operations	1 939.1	1 248.4	4 708.3	—	1 952.1	765.3	308.0	1 122.0	758.7	561.0	10 276.0	6 880.9	1 906.7	32 426.5 808.5[f]
Prorated provision for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13 110.4[g]
Total	**48 000.8**	**33 616.4**	**126 743.3**	**180 689.0**	**51 487.5**	**20 234.1**	**16 878.9**	**47 402.1**	**8 952.9**	**34 895.4**	**139 213.3**	**189 488.9**	**46 506.7**	**958 028.2**

[a] See para. 7.

[b] See para. 6.

[c] Also includes UNTMIH and MIPONU.

[d] Also includes the Civilian Police Support Group.

[e] See para. 5.

[f] Separate provision of $808,500 under the support account for peacekeeping operations relates to a commitment authority for rental of premises which is not reflected in prorated amounts for individual missions.

[g] See para. 7. The amounts to be prorated among the individual missions determined at the time of preparation of the performance reports for the 12-month period ending 30 June 1998.

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Corrigendum

Paragraph 4, line 18

For ($1,656,600) *read* ($1,653,600)

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